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Menon et al.

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INFORMATION ON A WIRELESS
SYSTEM AND AUTOMATIC SYSTEM
SELECTION OF A WIRELESS LANs

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The original PCT claims correspond to claims 1-13 in this U.S. application. A copy of the approved claims as published is also enclosed.

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In view of the fact that PCT claims 1-13 have all been found to meet the international standards of patentability, prompt examination and allowance of claims 1-17 are respectfully requested.

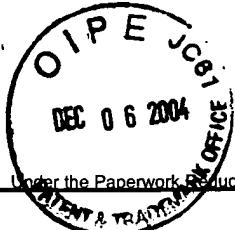
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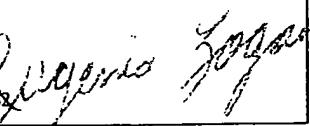
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- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
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International application No.

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International application No.
PCT/US03/20554**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-13 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for transmitting system information over a communication system including a primary station and at least one wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), the method comprising:
Establishing a bi-directional Internet protocol (IP) link between said primary station and said WTRU; transmitting a request for system information from said WTRU to said primary station over said IP link; Retrieving said system information in response to said request; and transmitting said retrieved information from said primary system to said WTRU over said IP link.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

What is claimed is:

1. A method for transmitting system information over a communication system including a primary station and at least one wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), the method comprising:
 - establishing a bidirectional internet protocol (IP) link between said primary station and said WTRU;
 - transmitting a request for system information from said WTRU to said primary station over said IP link;
 - retrieving said system information in response to said request; and
 - transmitting said retrieved information from said primary system to said WTRU over said IP link.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said request comprises a certain configuration, and said retrieved information is transmitted in said configuration.
3. The method of Claim 2, wherein said configuration includes billing information.
4. The method of Claim 2, wherein said configuration includes security information.
5. The method of Claim 2, wherein said configuration includes service ability.
6. The method of Claim 2, wherein said configuration includes the congestion status of the system.

7. The method of Claim 2, wherein said configuration includes data rates supported by the system.

8. The method of Claim 2, wherein said request includes information regarding a second primary station; and said WTRU switches to said second primary station in response thereto.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein said primary station is a UMTS system and said second primary station is a WLAN.

10. The method of Claim 9 wherein the WTRU measures the strength of signals transmitted from the primary station and from the second primary station, and switches to said second station when the strength of the signal from the second station exceeds a predetermined signal strength level.

11. The method of Claim 2 wherein said primary station is a WLAN and said second primary station is a UMTS system.

12. A method for transmitting system information over a communication system including a primary station and at least one wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), the method comprising:

establishing a bidirectional internet protocol (IP) link between said primary station and said WTRU;

automatically retrieving and transmitting information from said primary station to said secondary station over said IP link.

13. The method of Claim 12 wherein said information relates to other communication systems.